PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: The stress of the question was on teaching of the subject in our institutions. I would like to know whether any university has taken it up.

SHRI L. P. SHAHI: Jyotish is being taught in some of the universities, and Sampoornanand Sanskrit Vishwa Vidyalaya, Varanasi is one; Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit Vishwa Vidyalaya Darbhanga is another.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

UGC scales for teaching staff of medical Colleges

*402. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teaching staff of Medical Colleges in different States is eligible to get University Grants Commission's pay scales;

(b) if so, whether any instructions have been issued to State Governments to accept the demands of teaching staff working in different medical colleges in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Governments lay down the pay structure of their employees including teaching staff of medical colleges keeping in view their financial resources and other connected factors. The Central Government have no scheme in this regard.

Tata committee's recommendations to privalise AI and IA

*403 SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tata Committee's recommendations to privatise Air India and Indian Airlines to improve their operational efficiency and international competitiveness have since been examined; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) To develop a well integrated long-term perspective plan for the transport sector the Planning Commission has set up a Steering Committee for Transport Planning. For providing inputs to the Steering Committee, a Planning Group on Civil Aviation headed by Shri J. R. D. Tata was also set up. The findings and recommendations of this Group, including those relating to Equity participation by staff and others are under consideration of the Steering Committee for Transport Planning.

The report of the Steering Committee for Transport Planning has not been received by the Government.

डिग्रियों का नौकरियों से अलग किया जाना

*405. श्री रशीद मसूद : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने डिग्रियों को नौकरियों से अलग करने की योजना को क्रियान्वित करने का पहले ही निर्णय कर लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है ; और